

SENATE BILL 4065

By Kilby

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
relative to disabled veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-237(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "any motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c) which" and by substituting instead the language " any motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c) or any noncommercial motor vehicle with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of nine thousand five hundred pounds (9,500 lbs.) or less which".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 55-50-353.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the department shall provide and issue, free of charge, a Class D or Class M driver license to each disabled veteran in this state otherwise eligible to receive a driver license for the appropriate class of vehicle pursuant to the application, examination and other provisions of this title.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "disabled veteran" has the same meaning as defined in § 55-4-237(a)(3).

(c) A driver license issued pursuant to this part shall not expire and shall contain language substantially similar to "DAV - PERMANENT"; provided, that the department shall issue replacement licenses, free of charge, upon loss or destruction of the original or in order to comply with other state or federal driver license requirements.

(d) Disabled veterans currently issued Class D or Class M driver licenses in this state shall be issued a free driver license pursuant to this section at their next regular

renewal. No refunds of any fees paid prior to the effective date of this act shall be granted.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.